



The United States Army Band

"Pershing's Own"

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Lieutenant Colonel John Clanton

Deputy Commander, The U.S. Army Band

Director, The U.S. Army Chorus

Lieutenant Colonel John Clanton currently serves as the Deputy Commander of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" and Director of The U.S. Army Chorus in Washington, DC. A native of South Carolina, he received his undergraduate music degree from Furman University and his Master's of Music degree in Conducting from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Donald Hunsberger and conducted the Eastman Wind Ensemble.

Lt. Col. Clanton performed and recorded for four seasons with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under Maestro Robert Shaw. He attended the Tanglewood Music Festival, Robert Shaw Choral Institute, and was selected to participate in the 2005 National Conductors Institute at the Kennedy Center where he studied with Maestro Leonard Slatkin and the National Symphony Orchestra. A longtime advocate of the art of conducting, he currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Conductors Guild.

His recent assignment was with The U.S. Army Field Band, where he served as Deputy Commander and Principal Conductor of the Soldiers' Chorus, and participated in 12 national concert tours to 46 states. He also created and conducted the Armed Forces Chorus—comprised of most military singers in the DC area—which performed for President Reagan's Memorial Service at the National Cathedral. He served previously with The U.S. Army Band as Principal Conductor of The U.S. Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Chorale. He also conducted The U.S. Army



Concert Band, Ceremonial Band, Herald Trumpets, and Orchestra. He performed regularly at the White House and at state functions honoring visiting Heads of State and the nation's most senior political and military leaders. Previous assignments include Administrative Officer for the Headquarters, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Bad Kreuznach, Germany; Commander and Conductor of the 8th Infantry Division Band; Staff Band Officer, 6th U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco, CA; and Staff Band Officer, Forces Command Headquarters and Commander and Conductor, Army Ground Forces Band, Ft. McPherson, GA.

His ensembles have been featured at most major music conventions, music festivals—to include Blossom, Ravinia, Chautauqua, and Interlochen—and on numerous radio and television broadcasts. He has performed with Erich Kunzel and Marvin Hamlisch and conducted in most of the nation's finest concert halls, including the Kennedy Center, Boston Symphony Hall, and Carnegie Hall. During joint performances with his military choruses, he has guest conducted the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, National Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Grant Park Symphony, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Ravinia Festival Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, and the London Symphony Orchestra.

His military decorations include seven awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

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